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| In re Application of: Bakel Van <i>et al.</i> |) | Confirmation No. 2743 |
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| Application No. 10/518,164 |) | Group Art Unit: 1625 |
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| Filed: July 25, 2005 |) | Examiner: Taylor V. Oh |
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| For: Process for the Preparation of Dioxane |) | Date: May 1, 2007 |
| Acetic Acid Esters |) | |

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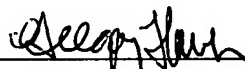
- Transmitted herewith is an Amendment and Response Under 37 C.F.R. 1.111 in response to the non-final Office Action dated November 1, 2006.
- Additional Papers Submitted:
 - Inanaga et al. (1979) A Rapid Esterification by Means of Mixed Anhydride and Its Application to Large-ring Lactonization, Bulletin of the Chemical Society of Japan, 52(7):1989-1993.
- Extension of Time: The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) apply. Applicants petition for a three-month extension of time from February 1, 2007 to May 1, 2007, the fee for which is **\$1,020.00** as set out in 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a). If Applicants have inadvertently overlooked the need for an additional extension of time, please consider this a petition therefore. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, including fees due under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0310.
- Fee Calculation (37 C.F.R. 1.16):

| CLAIMS AS AMENDED | | | | | | |
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| | Remaining | | Previously Paid | Extra | Rate | Total Fees |
| Total Claims | 11 | minus | 20 | 0 | \$50 each= | 0.00 |
| Independent Claims | 1 | minus | 3 | 0 | \$200 each= | 0.00 |
| First presentation of Multiple dependent claim | | | | | \$360.00 | 0.00 |
| Sub-total = | | | | | | \$0.00 |
| Reduction by ½ for filing by a small entity | | | | | | 0.00 |
| Total Fee = | | | | | | \$0.00 |

5. Fee Payment: The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge **\$1,020.00** to Deposit Account No. 50-0310 for payment of the three-month extension of time fees.
6. Constructive Petition: **Except** for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0310. This paragraph is intended to be a **constructive petition for extension of time** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)(3).

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

In reply to the non-final Office Action dated November 1, 2006, the time for responding to which has been extended through May 1, 2007 by the concurrent filing of a petition for a three-month extension of time and authorization for fee payment, Applicants respectfully submit the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.

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